

## ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

This is **Jeff Corrigan/Dr. Virginia Laas, Oral Historian/Trustee for/of** the State Historical Society of Missouri, and I'm here today, March 22/23, 2012 in Springfield, Missouri at the Green County Extension Center to interview \_\_\_\_\_ about **his/her** experience **attending (or teaching at)** a one-room schoolhouse.

Could you start off by telling me:

1. When and where were you born?
2. Could you tell me a little bit about your family? (Siblings? Parent's occupation?).
3. When and where did you start school? Did the school have a name?
4. Could you please describe the schools physical appearance for me, both inside and out? (Color, size, outhouses, individual desks or shared, chalkboard or individual slates, how was it heated, individual water cups or a single dipper, playground equipment, etc.)
5. Does the school building still exist today? If so, is it still a school or what function or purpose does it serve as now? Where is (was) it located in the country?
6. How many students were in your class? How many kids were in the school?
7. Can you describe your teacher(s) and their (different) teaching style(s)?
8. Did you learn a lot from listening in on what the older kids were learning?
9. How did you get to school each day? How far was it?

10. What activities do you remember doing at the school? (programs- Christmas?, social events- pie suppers?, etc.) Was the school used as a community center or for any other functions?
  
11. Could you tell me about recess? How long was it & what did you do? What games did you play? Did you have to adjust games depending on the number of kids that were available to play? What did you do when there was bad weather?
  
12. Did you have a chore to perform at school? Such as clean erasers, carry in water, wood, or coal for the heating, etc.?
  
13. Did you take a lunch or was lunch provided? What was a typical lunch for you?
  
14. Did you attend the same school until graduation? If not, where did you go after that?
  
15. Do you still keep in contact with any of the other students you attended the one-room school with?
  
16. Do you feel you got a quality education at the school? If not, how so or why?
  
17. What influence (if any) did attending the one-room schoolhouse have on your life do you think?
  
18. Are there any other stories from your one-room schoolhouse experience that you would like to share that we didn't cover or anything else you would like to add?